

20 September 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, FI/D

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. David CHRIST

1. Pursuant to the request of Chief, FI/D, on 19 September 1960, this memorandum contains the substance of a conversation between Mr. David CHRIST, TSD, and the undersigned.

2. Approximately 1630 hours on 10 August 1960, CHRIST visited the office of the undersigned to state that he would soon be going to Havana to redo an audio installation in the Hotel Rosita and possibly to mount other audio operations, unspecified by CHRIST. CHRIST requested that Mr. ⁰³(Earl HARTER) and possibly "some" of (HARTER's) personnel accompany him on the Havana assignment. In response to the query by the undersigned as to why (HARTER's) services were desired, CHRIST stated that (HARTER) might be needed for entry into the target area. When the undersigned pointed out that there was apparently no entry problem with regard to the Hotel Rosita target rooms, CHRIST changed the basis for his request in that he mentioned the possible need for protection while in Havana. He went on to explain that (HARTER) and his people could be used to determine whether he, CHRIST, was under surveillance. At this juncture, ⁰³(HARTER) entered the undersigned's office, and CHRIST repeated his request. ⁰³After a review of the pros and cons, and particularly in view of (HARTER's) duties, it was decided that there ⁰³was no concrete purpose which could justify the assignment of (HARTER) as requested by CHRIST.

3. CHRIST proceeded to Havana on 17 August, returned to Washington o/a 31 August, and departed again for Havana for the NCNA task o/a 7 September.

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